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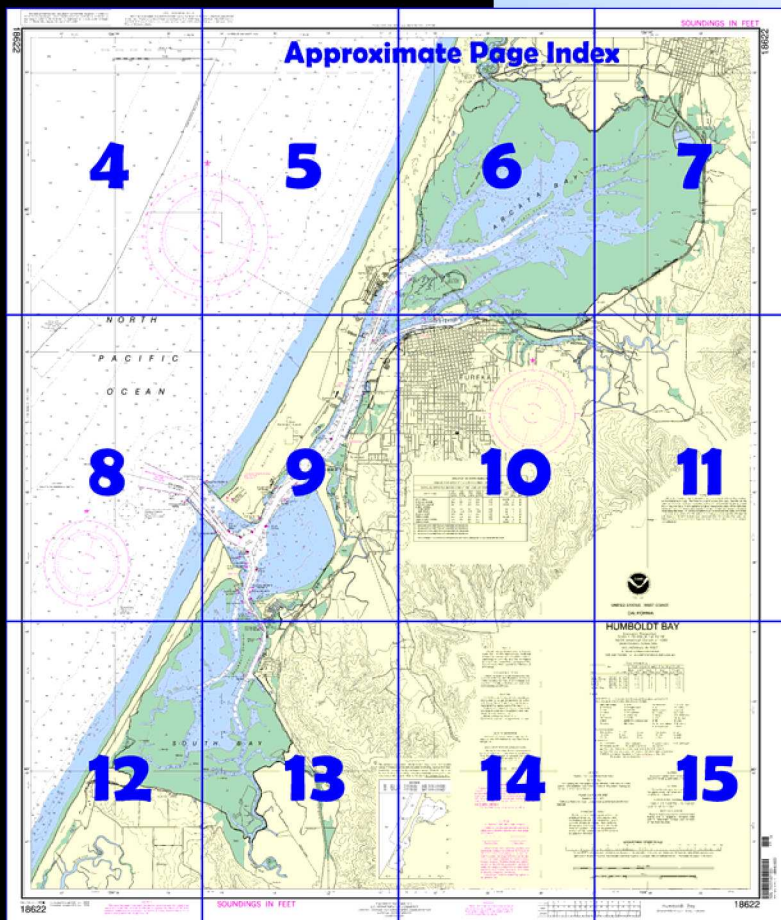
Humboldt Bay

(NOAA Chart 18622)



A reduced scale NOAA nautical chart for small boaters. When possible, use the full size NOAA chart for navigation.

- ✓ Complete, reduced scale nautical chart
- ✓ Print at home for free
- ✓ Convenient size
- ✓ Up to date with all Notices to Mariners
- ✓ United States Coast Pilot excerpts
- ✓ Compiled by NOAA, the nation's chartmaker.



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What are Nautical Charts?

Nautical charts are a fundamental tool of marine navigation. They show water depths, obstructions, buoys, other aids to navigation, and much more. The information is shown in a way that promotes safe and efficient navigation. Chart carriage is mandatory on the commercial ships that carry America's commerce. They are also used on every Navy and Coast Guard ship, fishing and passenger vessels, and are widely carried by recreational boaters.

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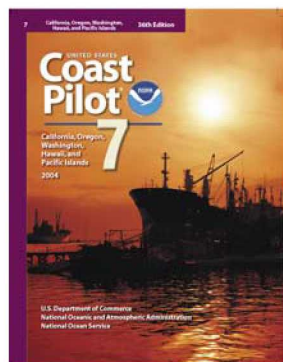
This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

Whenever possible, use the official, full scale NOAA nautical chart for navigation. Nautical chart sales agents are listed on the Internet at <http://www.NauticalCharts.NOAA.gov>.

This BookletChart does NOT fulfill chart carriage requirements for regulated commercial vessels under Titles 33 and 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Notice to Mariners Correction Status

This BookletChart has been updated for chart corrections published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Weekly Notice to Mariners, and, where applicable, the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. Additional chart corrections have been made by NOAA in advance of their publication in a Notice to Mariners. The last Notices to Mariners applied to this chart are listed in the Note at the bottom of page 7. Coast Pilot excerpts are not being corrected.



[Coast Pilot 7, Chapter 8 excerpts]

(158) **Humboldt Bay**, 21 miles N of Cape Mendocino Light, is the first important harbor N of San Francisco and is used by vessels drawing up to 38 feet. Humboldt Bay is the second largest natural bay on the coast of California and as such contains many environmentally and economically important wetland habitats. In addition to being a nursery area for many species of commercially and recreationally important fish and invertebrates, Humboldt Bay also

produces more than 50 percent of the oysters harvested in California. Due to Humboldt Bay's location on the Pacific Flyway, it is also an important feeding, resting and nesting area for thousands of migratory shorebirds and waterfowl. Along Humboldt Bay's shoreline, thousands of acres have been set aside by State, Federal and local agencies as wildlife habitat for

a variety of threatened and endangered species. Humboldt Bay can be used as a harbor of refuge in impending bad weather, providing a vessel can get inside before the bar becomes impassable. The bay consists of two shallow basins, South Bay in the S and Arcata Bay in the N part, connected by a narrow channel about 5 miles long. Due to the sensitive nature of Humboldt Bay's environment, extreme care should be taken to utilize all best management practices when transiting Humboldt Bay, fueling or transferring fuels or lubricants and transferring cargo.

(177) In the past **Humboldt Bar** was considered treacherous and dangerous, and many disasters have occurred there.

(180) **Humboldt Bay Light** (40°45'54"N., 124°13'48"W.), 100 feet above the water and shown from a white column on North Spit, is the best landmark by night; the approach range rear light also is shown from the Humboldt Bay Light structure. By day the tall stacks and the smoke from the pulp mill in the bay can usually be seen. North Spit has clumps of trees along the bay shore near the channel while South Spit is barren. The red bluff at **Buhne Point** on the east shore of the bay and a lighted radio tower about 1.0 mile E are conspicuous in entering the bay.

Humboldt Bay Coast Guard Station is inside the North Spit, 0.5 mile from the S end.

(181) **South Bay**, in the S part of Humboldt Bay, is about 3 miles long and 2 miles wide. A marked channel on the E side of the bay leads to a lumber wharf on the E side of the channel at **Fields Landing**.

(182) **Bucksport** is on the E shore about 3 miles above the entrance. The two oil piers at Bucksport are used mainly by barges.

(183) **Fairhaven** is a small town on the W shore, about 3.5 miles above the entrance. The pier of a pulp company is here.

(184) **Eureka**, the principal town on the bay, is on the E shore, 4 miles N of the entrance. It handles much of the waterborne commerce on the bay. Eureka is the terminus of the North Coast Railroad Co.; a branch of the railroad continues to Arcata and Samoa.

(185) **Samoa** is a small settlement on the W shore opposite Eureka, about 5.5 miles above the entrance. A large pulp mill here ships a considerable amount of pulp.

(186) **Arcata Bay**, the N part of Humboldt Bay, is about 3 miles in diameter with low, marshy shore cut by sloughs. **Arcata** is on the N shore of the bay. The town has no serviceable wharves. The ruins of several old wharves are near the head of abandoned Arcata Channel.

(194) The National Weather Service is on **Woodley Island**. **Barometers** may be compared there or by telephone.

Table of Selected Chart Notes

Corrected through NM Apr. 29/06
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HEIGHTS

Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

CAUTION

The entrance channel is subject to frequent changes

CAUTION

Limitations on the use of radio signals as aids to marine navigation can be found in the U.S. Coast Guard Light Lists and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Publication 117. Radio direction-finder bearings to commercial broadcasting stations are subject to error and should be used with caution. Station positions are shown thus:
⊙ (Accurate location) ○ (Approximate location)

RADAR REFLECTORS

Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS

The NOAA Weather Radio station listed below provides continuous weather broadcasts. The reception range is typically 20 to 40 nautical miles from the antenna site, but can be as much as 100 nautical miles for stations at high elevations.

Eureka, CA KEC-82 162.40 MHz WX2

CAUTION

Improved channels shown by broken lines are subject to shoaling, particularly at the edges.

CAUTION

Temporary changes or defects in aids to navigation are not indicated on this chart. See Local Notice to Mariners.

CAUTION

SUBMARINE PIPELINES AND CABLES

Charted submarine pipelines and submarine cables and submarine pipeline and cable areas are shown as:



Additional uncharted submarine pipelines and submarine cables may exist within the area of this chart. Not all submarine pipelines and submarine cables are required to be buried, and those that were originally buried may have become exposed. Mariners should use extreme caution when operating vessels in depths of water comparable to their draft in areas where pipelines and cables may exist, and when anchoring, dragging, or trawling. Covered wells may be marked by lighted or unlighted buoys.

NOTES

Regulations for Ocean Dumping Sites are contained in 40 CFR, Parts 220-229. Additional information concerning the regulations and requirements for use of the sites may be obtained from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). See U.S. Coast Pilots appendix for addresses of EPA offices.

HORIZONTAL DATUM

The horizontal reference datum of this chart is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which for charting purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84). Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1927 must be corrected an average of 0.544" southward and 4.220" westward to agree with this chart.

Mercator Projection
Scale 1:25,000 at Lat.40°46'
North American Datum of 1983
(World Geodetic System 1984)
SOUNDINGS IN FEET
AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

WARNING

The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

COLREGS: International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972.
Demarcation lines are shown thus: - - - - -

AUTHORITIES

Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, Geological Survey, and U.S. Coast Guard.

SOURCE DIAGRAM

The outlined areas represent the limits of the most recent hydrographic survey information that has been evaluated for charting. Surveys have been banded in this diagram by date and type of survey. Channels maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are periodically resurveyed and are not shown on this diagram. Refer to Chapter 1, *United States Coast Pilot*.

NOTE X

Within the 12-nautical mile Territorial Sea, established by Presidential Proclamation, some Federal laws apply. The Three Nautical Mile Line, previously identified as the outer limit of the territorial sea, is retained as it continues to depict the jurisdictional limit of the other laws. The 9-nautical mile Natural Resource Boundary off the Gulf coast of Florida, Texas, and Puerto Rico, and the Three Nautical Mile Line elsewhere remain in most cases the inner limit of Federal fisheries jurisdiction and the outer limit of the jurisdiction of the states. The 24-nautical mile Contiguous Zone and the 200-nautical mile Exclusive Economic Zone were established by Presidential Proclamation. Unless fixed by treaty or the U.S. Supreme Court, these maritime limits are subject to modification.

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TIDAL INFORMATION

Place Name	(LAT/LONG)	Height referred to datum of soundings (MLLW)			
		Mean High Water	Mean High Water	Mean Low Water	Extreme Low Water
		feet	feet	feet	feet
North Spit	(40°46'N/124°13'W)	6.9	6.2	1.2	-3.0
Fields Landing	(40°43'N/124°13'W)	6.9	6.2	1.2	-3.0
Bucksport	(40°47'N/124°12'W)	7.0	6.3	1.3	-3.0
Eureka	(40°48'N/124°10'W)	7.3	6.6	1.3	-3.0
Samoa	(40°50'N/124°11'W)	7.3	6.6	1.3	-3.0
Arcata Wharf	(40°51'N/124°07'W)	7.0	6.3	1.3	-3.0

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ABBREVIATIONS (For complete list of Symbols and Abbreviations, see Chart No. 1.)

Aids to Navigation (lights are white unless otherwise indicated):

AERO aeronautical	G green	Mo morse code	R TR radio tower
Al alternating	IQ interrupted quick	N run	Rot rotating
B black	Iso isophase	OBSC obscured	a seconds
Bn beacon	Lt HO lighthouse	Oc occulting	SEC sector
C can	M nautical mile	Or orange	St M statute miles
DIA diaphone	m minutes	Q quick	VQ very quick
F fixed	MICRO TR microwave tower	R red	W white
Fl flashing	Mkr marker	Ra Ref radar reflector	WHIS whistle
		R Bn radiobeacon	Y yellow

Bottom characteristics:

Bids boulders	Co coral	gy gray	Oys oysters	so soft
bk broken	G gravel	h hard	Rk rock	Sh shells
Cy clay	Grs grass	M mud	S sand	sy sticky

Miscellaneous:

AUTH authorized	Obstn obstruction	PD position doubtful	Subm submerged
ED existence doubtful	PA position approximate	Rep reported	
⚓ Wreck, rock, obstruction, or shoal swept clear to the depth indicated.			
(2) Rocks that cover and uncover, with heights in feet above datum of soundings.			

HUMBOLDT BAY AND HARBOR CHANNEL DEPTHS

TABULATED FROM SURVEYS BY THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS - SURVEYS TO JUN 2009

CONTROLLING DEPTHS FROM SEAWARD IN FEET AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER (MLLW)					PROJECT DIMENSIONS			
NAME OF CHANNEL	LEFT OUTSIDE QUARTER	LEFT INSIDE QUARTER	RIGHT INSIDE QUARTER	RIGHT OUTSIDE QUARTER	DATE OF SURVEY	WIDTH (FEET)	LENGTH (NAUT. MILES)	DEPTH (MLLW FEET)
BAR CHANNEL	44	46	46	40	6-09	2100-750	1.0	48
ENTRANCE CHANNEL	43	47	47	40	6-09	750	0.8	48
NORTH BAY CHANNEL	35	37	36	29	6-09	400-500	3.0	38
EUREKA CHANNEL								
OUTER REACH	32	33	29	19	3-08; 6-09	400	0.4	38
INNER REACH	17A	15B	16C	12D	3-08	400	1.1	26
SAMOA CHANNEL	37	38	38	36	6-09	400	1.3	38
TURNING BASIN	35	35	34	25	6-09	400-1000	0.3	38
FIELDS LANDING CHANNEL	21	27	26	20	6-09	300	1.9	26
TURNING BASIN	14	21	26	24		300-800	0.1	26

- A. SHOALING TO 5 FEET FOR LAST 3,000 FEET OF THE REACH.
B. SHOALING TO 5 FEET FOR LAST 3,000 FEET OF THE REACH.
C. SHOALING TO 12 FEET FOR LAST 3,000 FEET OF THE REACH.
D. SHOALING TO 11 FEET FOR LAST 3,000 FEET OF THE REACH.

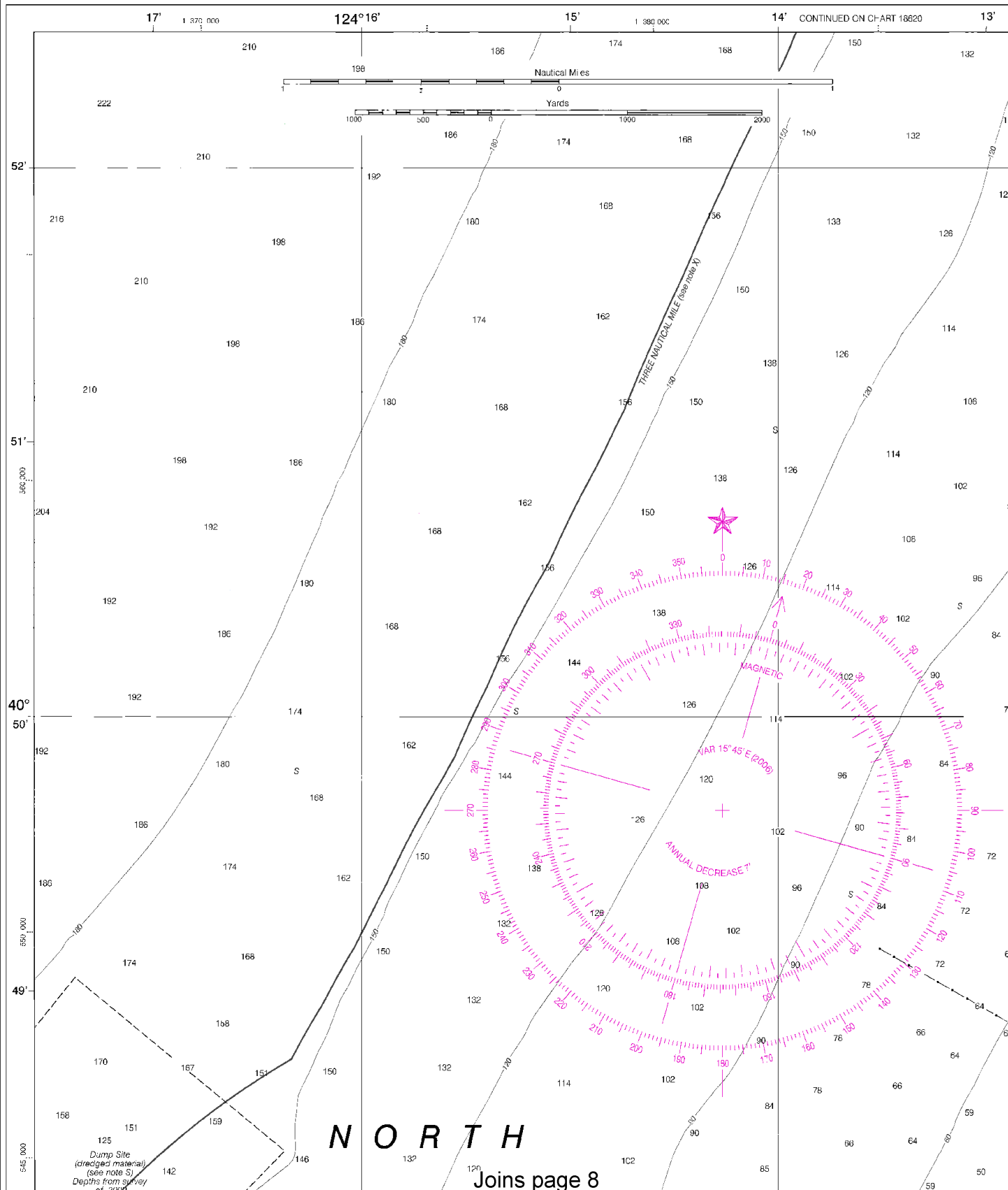
NOTE-CONSULT THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS FOR CHANGES SUBSEQUENT TO THE ABOVE INFORMATION

This nautical chart has been designed to promote safe navigation. The National Ocean Service encourages users to submit corrections, additions, or comments for improving this chart to the Chief, Marine Chart Division (N/CS2), National Ocean Service, NOAA, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3282.

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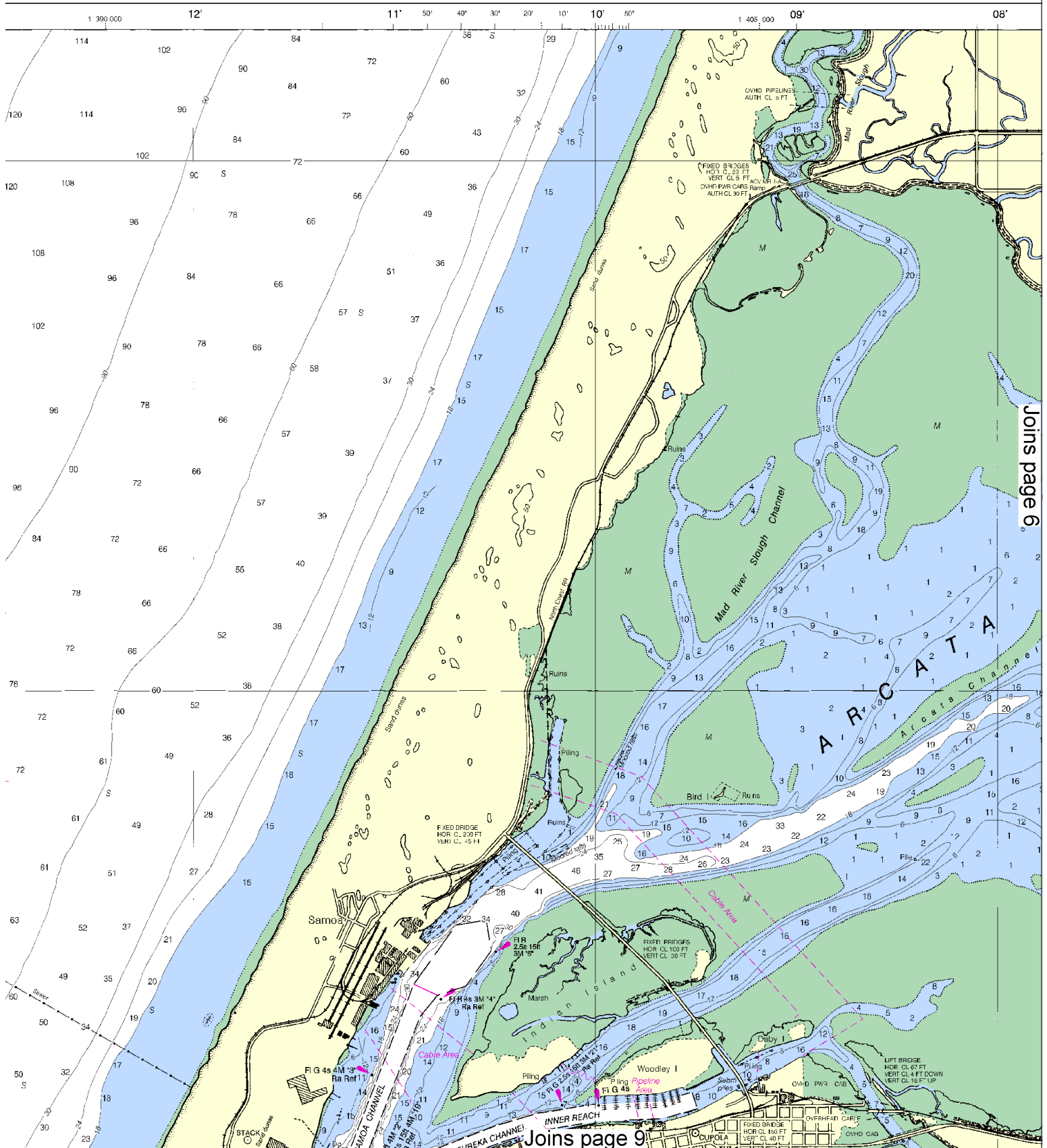
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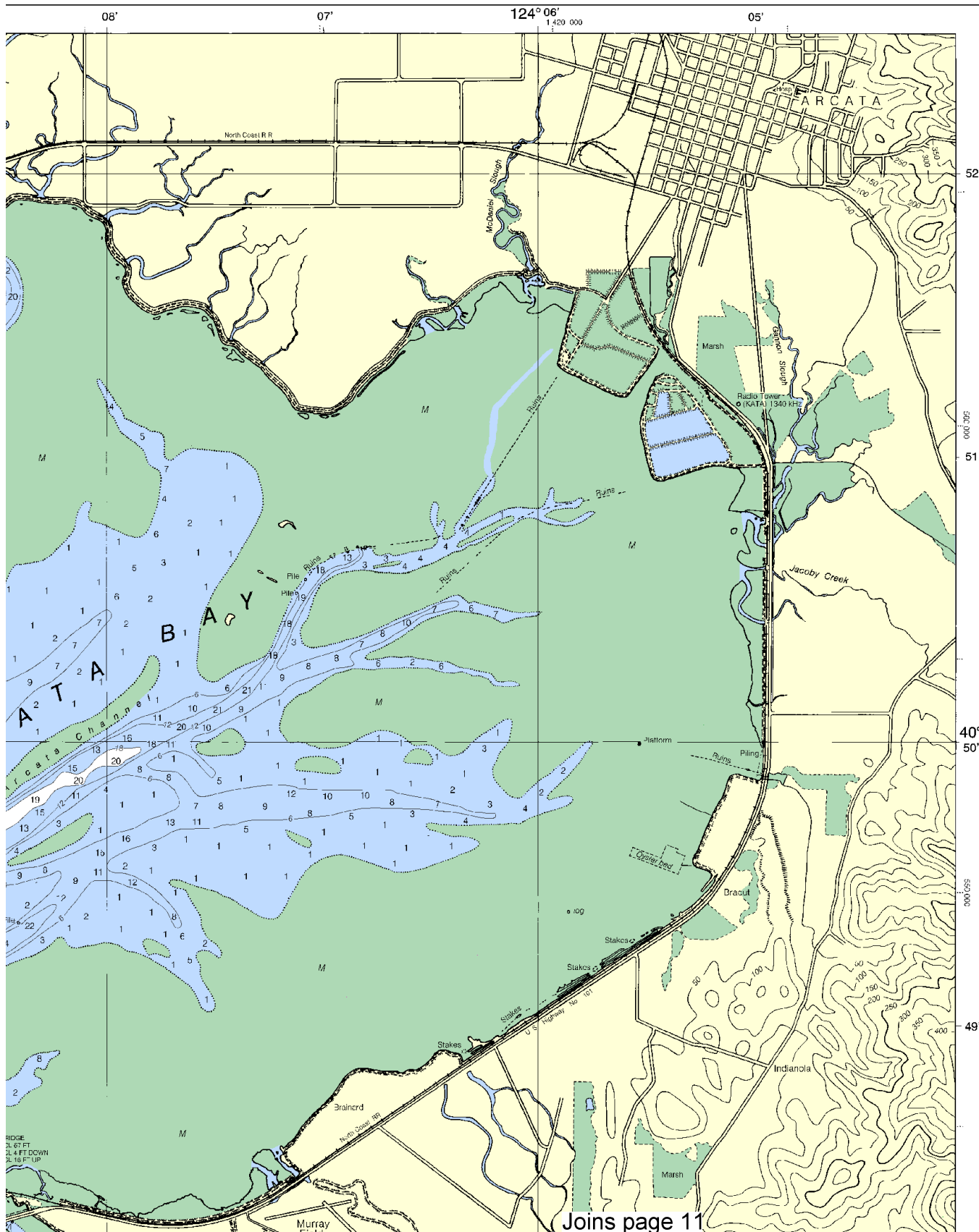


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 NGA Weekly Notice to Mariners: 1210 3/20/2010,
 Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners: n/a .

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(see note S)
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(see note A)

CAUTION
The entrance channel is subject to
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REGULATED NAVIGATION AREA
(see note A)

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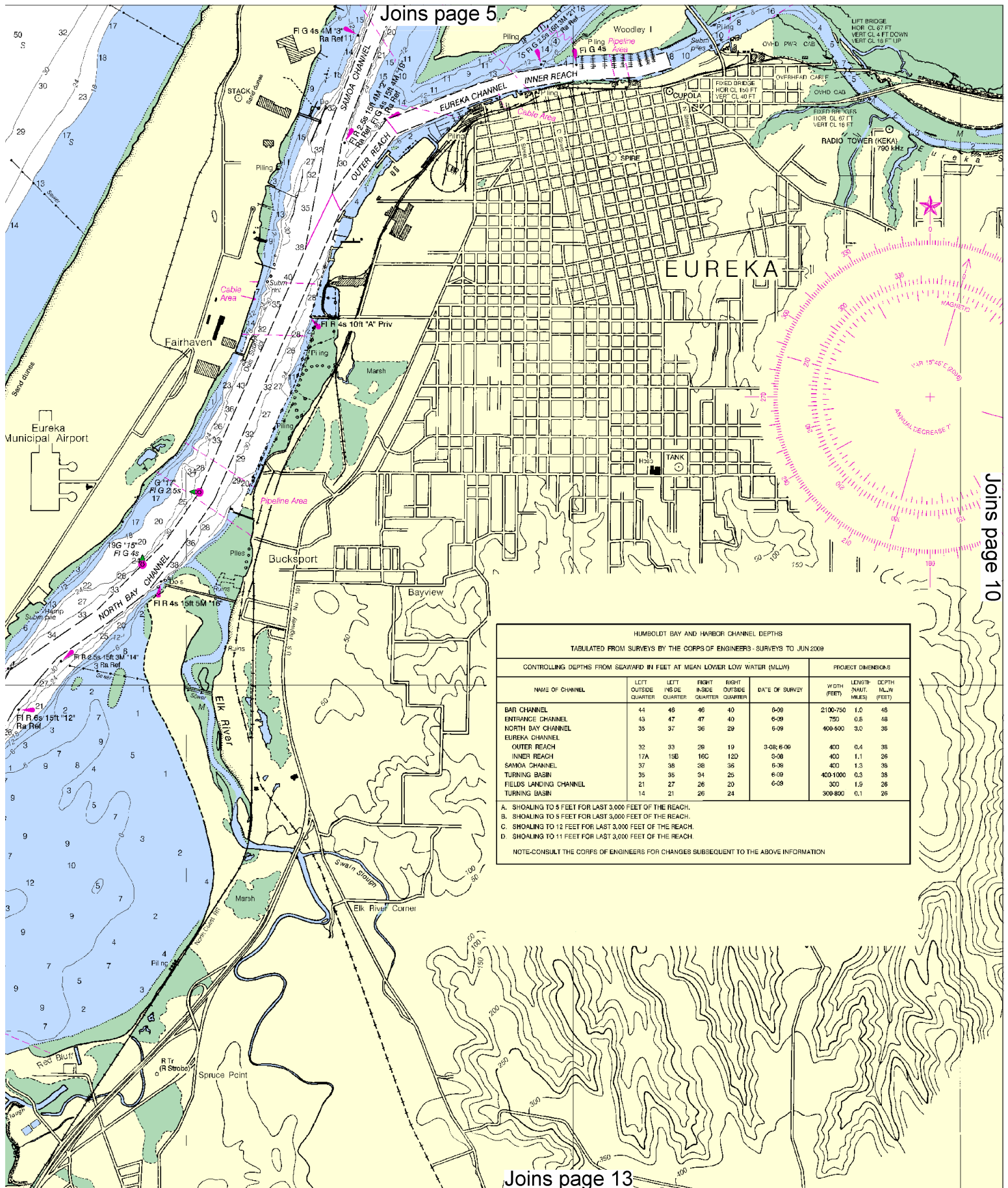


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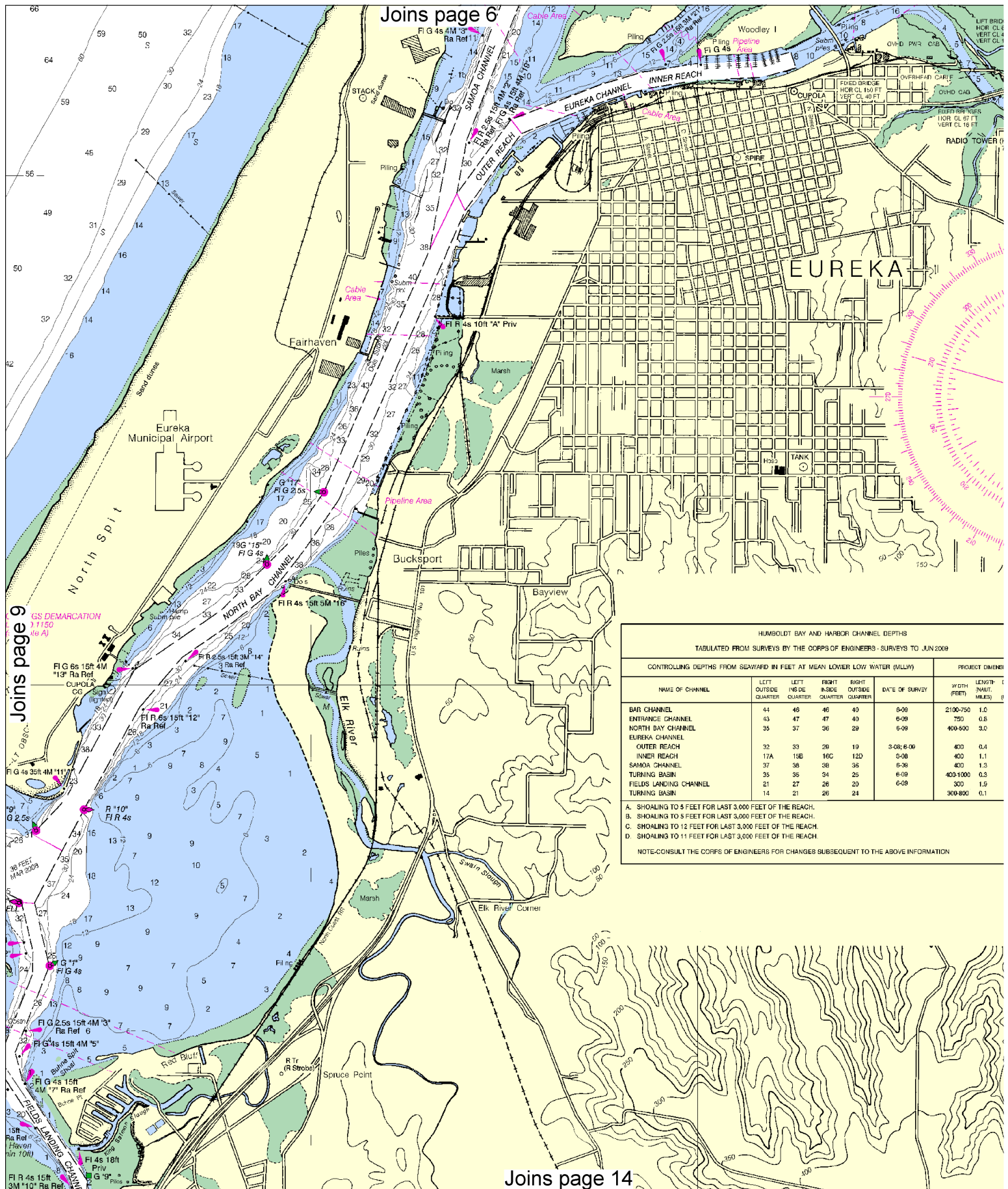


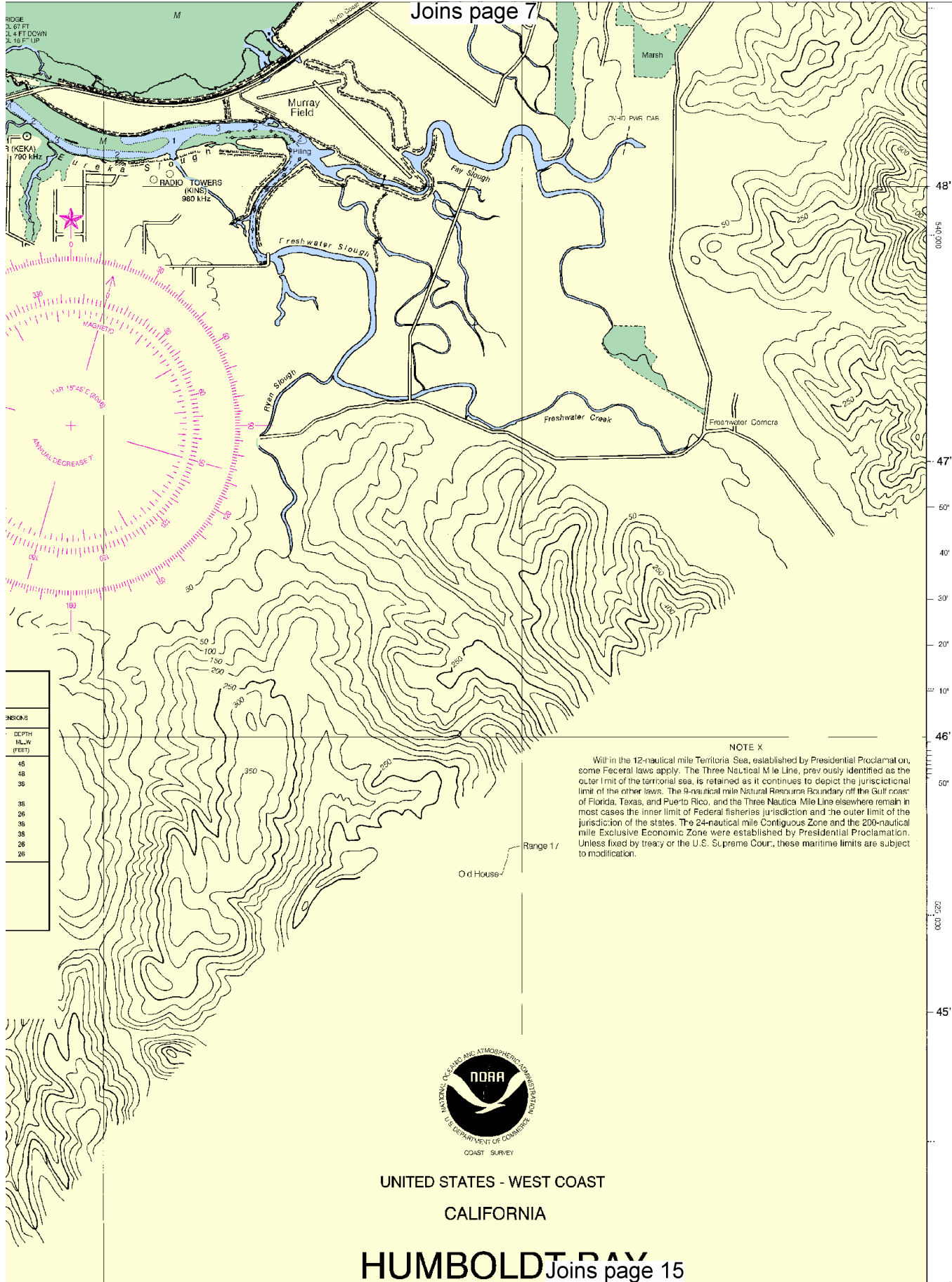
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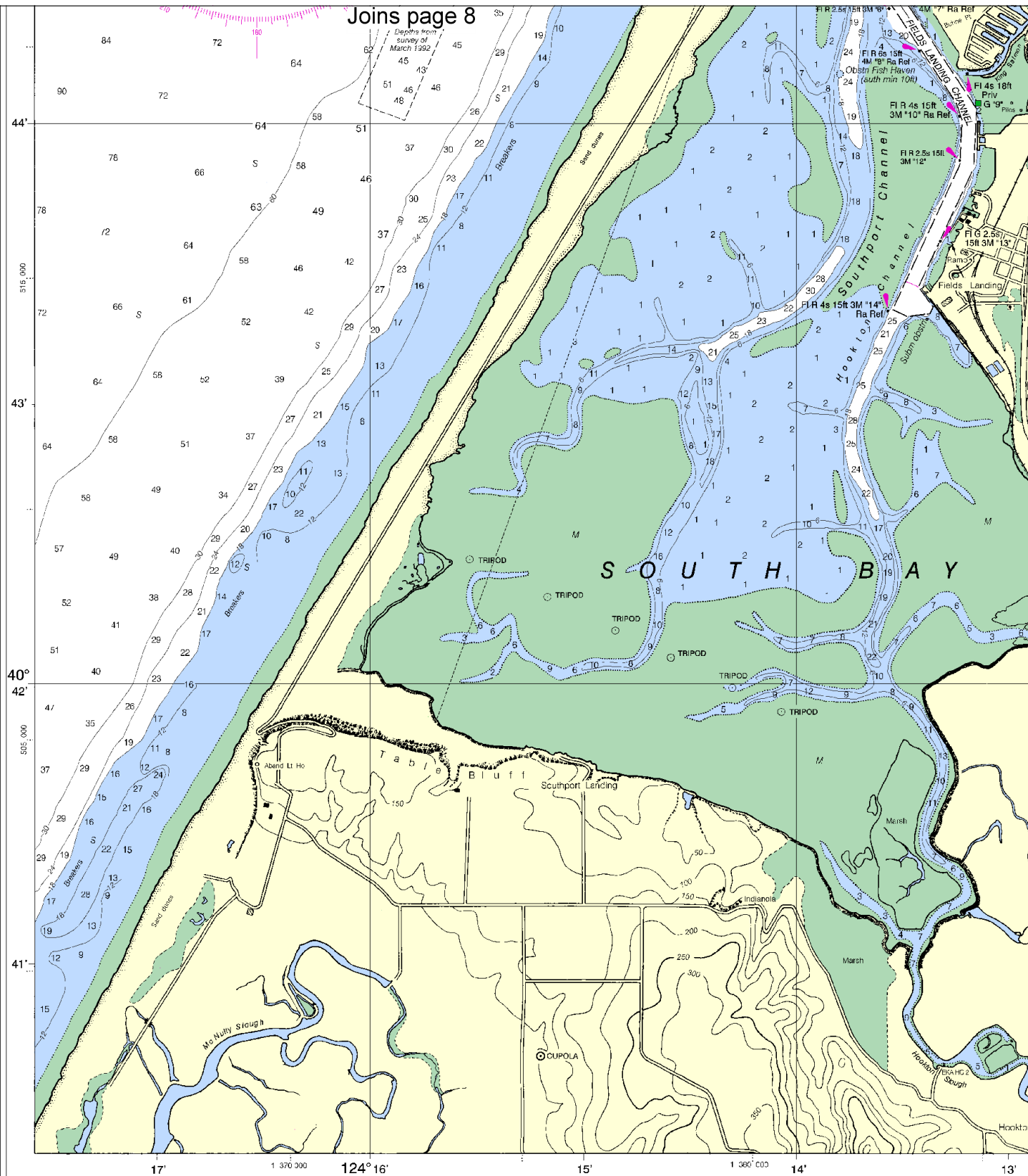
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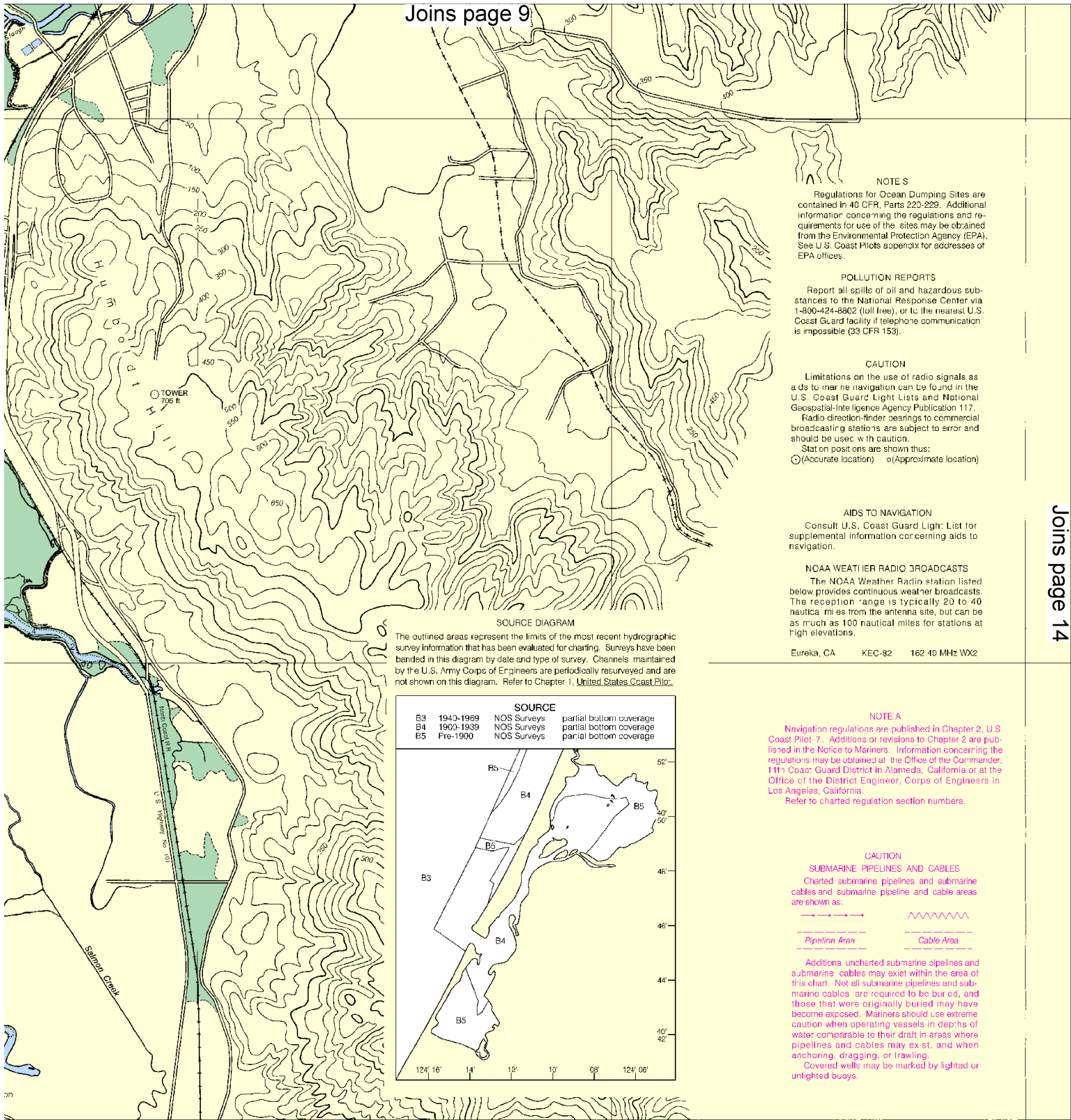
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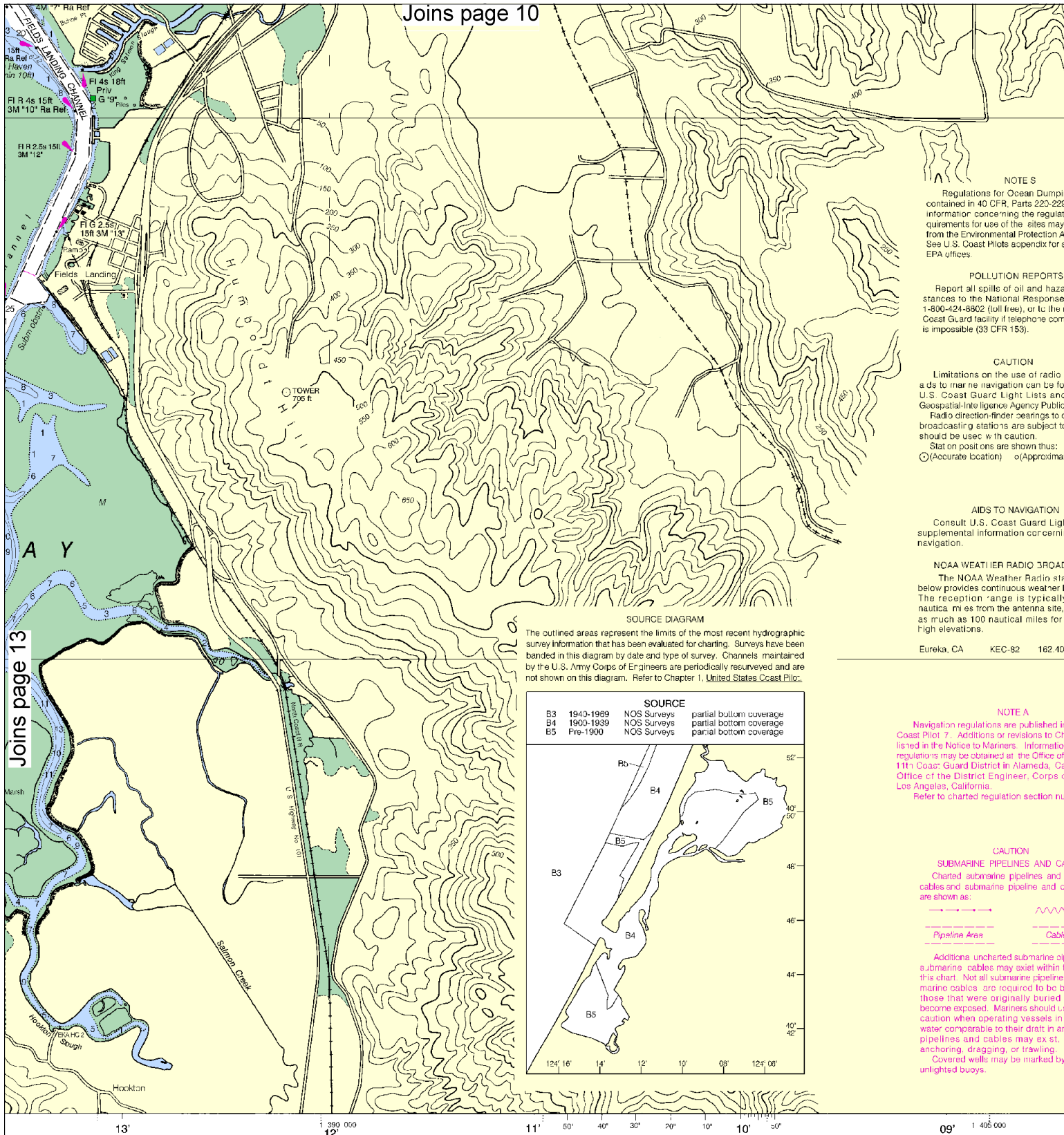


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WARNING
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NOTES

Regulations for Ocean Dumping contained in 40 CFR, Parts 220-229 informants concerning the regulatory requirements for use of the sites may from the Environmental Protection Agency; See U.S. Coast Pilot's appendix for a EPA offices.

POLLUTION REPORTS

Report all spills of oil and hazardous substances to the National Response 1-800-424-8802 (toll free), or to the Coast Guard facility if telephone contact is impossible (33 CFR 153).

CAUTION

Limitations on the use of radio aids to marine navigation can be found in U.S. Coast Guard Light Lists and Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Public Radio direction-finder bearings to broadcasting stations are subject to should be used with caution. Stat on positions are shown thus: (O) (Accurate location) (o) (Approximate location)

AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light supplemental information concerning navigation.

NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCAST

The NOAA Weather Radio station below provides continuous weather forecasts. The reception range is typically nautical miles from the antenna site, as much as 100 nautical miles for high elevations.

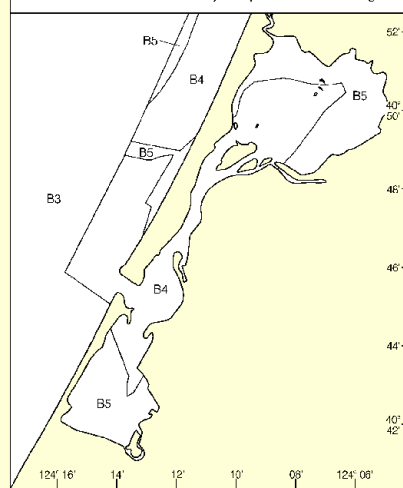
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SOURCE DIAGRAM

The outlined areas represent the limits of the most recent hydrographic survey information that has been evaluated for charting. Surveys have been banded in this diagram by date and type of survey. Channels maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are periodically resurveyed and are not shown on this diagram. Refer to Chapter 1, United States Coast Pilot.

SOURCE

B3	1943-1999	NOS Surveys	partial bottom coverage
B4	1900-1939	NOS Surveys	partial bottom coverage
B5	Pre-1900	NOS Surveys	partial bottom coverage



NOTE A

Navigation regulations are published in Coast Pilot 7. Additions or revisions to Charted information are published in the Notice to Mariners. Information regulations may be obtained at the Office of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles, California. Refer to charted regulation section for details.

CAUTION

SUBMARINE PIPELINES AND CABLES
Charted submarine pipelines and cables and submarine pipeline and cable are shown as:

Pipeline Area Cable

Additional uncharted submarine pipelines and cables may exist within this chart. Not all submarine pipelines and cables are required to be marked. Those that were originally buried and become exposed. Mariners should use caution when operating vessels in water comparable to their draft in pipelines and cables may exist, and anchoring, dragging, or trawling. Covered wells may be marked by unlighted buoys.

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WARNING

The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

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See Note on page 5.



CALIFORNIA

HUMBOLDT BAY

Mercator Projection
Scale 1:25,000 at Lat. 40°46'
North American Datum of 1983
(World Geodetic System 1984)

SOUNDINGS IN FEET

AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

Additional information can be obtained at nauticalcharts.noaa.gov.

TIDAL INFORMATION

Place Name (LAT/LONG)	Height referred to datum of soundings (MLLW)				
	Mean High Water	Mean High Water	Mean Low Water	Mean Low Water	Extreme Low Water
North Spit (40°46'N/124°13'W)	6.9	6.2	1.2	1.2	-3.0
Fields Landing (40°43'N/124°13'W)	6.9	6.2	1.2	1.2	-3.0
Bucksport (40°47'N/124°12'W)	7.0	6.3	1.3	1.3	-3.0
Eureka (40°48'N/124°10'W)	7.3	6.6	1.3	1.3	-3.0
Samoa (40°50'N/124°11'W)	7.3	6.6	1.3	1.3	-3.0
Arcata Wharf (40°51'N/124°07'W)	7.0	6.3	1.3	1.3	-3.0

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ABBREVIATIONS (For complete list of Symbols and Abbreviations, see Chart No. 1.)
Aids to Navigation (lights are white unless otherwise indicated):

AERO aeronautical	G green	Mo morse code	H IH radio tower
A alternating	IQ interrupted quick	N nun	Rt rotating
B back	Is isophase	OBSC obscured	s seconds
Bn beacon	LT LH lighthouse	OC occulting	SEC sector
C can	M nautical mile	Or orange	SL M slalutronics
DIA diaphone	m minutes	Q quick	VQ very quick
F fixed	MICRO TR microwave tower	R red	W white
FI flashing	Mkr marker	Rd Rdr radar reflector	WHIS whistle
		R Bn radiobeacon	Y yellow

Bottom characteristics:

Bls boulder	Co coral	gy gray	Oys oysters	so soft
bk broken	G gravel	h hard	Rk rock	Sh shells
Cy clay	Grs grass	M mud	S sand	sy sticky

Miscellaneous:

AUTH authorized	Obstn obstruction	PD position doubtful	Subm submerged
ED evidence doubtful	PA position approximate	Rep reported	
(2) Wreck, rock, obstruction, or shoal swept clear to the depth indicated			
(2) Rocks that cover and uncover, with heights in feet above datum of soundings			
COLREGS: International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972.			
Demarcation lines are shown thus: - - - - -			

HEIGHTS

Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

AUTHORITIES

Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, Geological Survey, and U.S. Coast Guard.

PLANE COORDINATE GRID

(based on NAD 1927)

California State Grid, zone 1, is indicated by dotted ticks at 5000 foot intervals.

HORIZONTAL DATUM

The horizontal reference datum of this chart is North American Datum of 1963 (NAD 63), which for charting purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84). Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1927 must be corrected an average of 0.544' southward and 4.220' westward to agree with this chart.

CAUTION

Improved channels shown by broken lines are subject to shoaling, particularly at the edges.

CAUTION

Temporary changes or defects in aids to navigation are not indicated on this chart. See Local Notice to Mariners.

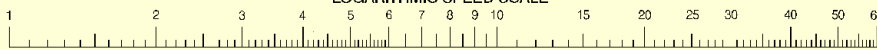
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Consult U.S. Coast Pilot: 7 for important supplemental information.

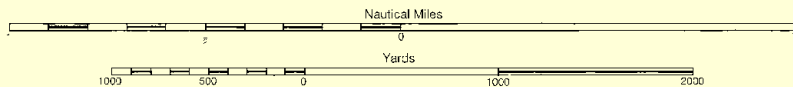
RADAR REFLECTORS

Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

LOGARITHMIC SPEED SCALE



To find SPEED, place one point of dividers on distance run (in any unit) and the other on minutes run. Without changing divider spread, place right point on 60 and left point will then indicate speed in units per hour. Example: with 4.0 nautical miles run in 15 minutes, the speed is 16.0 knots.



FATHOMS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
FEET	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72	78	84	90	96	102
METERS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17

Humboldt Bay

SOUNDINGS IN FEET - SCALE 1:25,000

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EMERGENCY INFORMATION

VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

Channel 6 – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here.

Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 & 78A – Recreational boat channels.

Distress Call Procedures

1. Make sure radio is on.
2. Select Channel 16.
3. Press/Hold the transmit button.
4. Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
5. Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
6. Release transmit button.
7. Wait for 10 seconds – If no response Repeat MAYDAY Call.

HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS !!

Mobile Phones – Call 911 for water rescue.

Coast Guard Search & Rescue – 510-437-3700

Coast Guard Humboldt Bay – 541-756-9210

Commercial Vessel Assistance – 1-800-367-8222

NOAA Weather Radio – 162.400 MHz, 162.425 MHz, 162.450 MHz, 162.475 MHz, 162.500 MHz, 162.525 MHz, 162.550 MHz.

Getting and Giving Help – Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.



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